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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:  
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This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

Newly executed Declaration,  Copy of Declaration from prior application,  Abstract  
 Please delete the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application:  
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29 pages of specification and claims (including 37 numbered claims), and  
5 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

Attached is a Power of Attorney.

Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

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, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

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Applicant claims "small entity" status.  "Small entity" statement attached.

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Also attached:  Information Disclosure Statement;  Non-Publication Request;  Nucleotide and/ or Amino Acid Sequence Submission;  Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application;  Other:

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